

Key Indicators of Progress toward Postsecondary Reform

QUESTION 1: ARE MORE KENTUCKIANS READY FOR POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION?

Preparation of Adults

- 1.1 Percentage of adults at literacy levels one and two
- 1.2 Percentage of adults (25 and over) with less than high school diploma or GED

Preparation of Recent High School Graduates

- 1.3 Average ACT scores of high school graduates
- 1.4 Percentage of high school graduates taking the ACT
- 1.5 Number of college-level courses per 1,000 HS juniors and seniors
- 1.6 Percentage of high school students completing the ACT core coursework
- 1.7 High school test scores

Affordability (Family ability to pay)

- 1.8 *Measuring Up* affordability indicators

QUESTION 2: ARE MORE STUDENTS ENROLLING?

Postsecondary Enrollment

- 2.1 Number of undergraduates
- 2.2 Number of graduates/professionals
- 2.3 Number of students enrolled in KYVU credit courses
- 2.4 Number of "new students" enrolled in KYVU credit courses

College Participation

- 2.5 Percentage of the adult population enrolled in KY colleges
- 2.6 Percentage of the adult population enrolled in KY colleges from target counties

College-Going

- 2.7 Percentage of ninth graders enrolling in college within four years
- 2.8 Percentage of students attending college directly out of high school from target counties
- 2.9 College-going rates of GED completers within two years

QUESTION 3: ARE MORE STUDENTS ADVANCING THROUGH THE SYSTEM?

Persistence and Completion

- 3.1 One-year retention rates of first time freshmen
- 3.2 One-year retention rates of underprepared students
- 3.3 Number of community and technical college transfers
- 3.4 Average number of credit hours transferred

Graduation

- 3.5 Percentage of adults with a bachelor's degree or higher
- 3.6 Six-year graduation rates of bachelor's degree students
- 3.7 Five-year graduation rates of transfer students

QUESTION 4: ARE WE PREPARING KENTUCKIANS FOR LIFE AND WORK?

Undergraduate Student Experience

- 4.1 Selected indicators from the National Survey of Student Engagement (NSSE)

Alumni Satisfaction

- 4.2 Undergraduate alumni survey results
- 4.3 Graduate alumni survey results

Civic Engagement

- 4.4 Selected indicators from the undergraduate alumni survey
- 4.5 Selected indicators from the National Survey of Student Engagement (NSSE)

Knowledge and Skills

- 4.6 Teacher Preparation Programs
- 4.7 Foundational Skills

QUESTION 5: ARE KENTUCKY'S COMMUNITIES AND ECONOMY BENEFITING?

Employment of Graduates

- 5.1 Percentage of college graduates working in Kentucky - by level
- 5.2 Percentage of out-of-state college students who stay in Kentucky after graduation

Employer and Community Satisfaction

- 5.3 Employer & Community Survey - satisfaction with KY graduates and completers
- 5.4 Employer & Community Survey - satisfaction with postsecondary institution's support

Research and Development

- 5.5 Extramural research and public service expenditures per full-time faculty - three-year average
- 5.6 Extramural research and development expenditures (in \$ thousands)
- 5.7 Federal research and development expenditures (in \$ thousands)
- 5.8 Endowments in the research priority areas of the knowledge-based economy (KBE)
- 5.9 Expenditures from endowments and gifts in the research priority areas of the KBE
- 5.10 Productivity of research space